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STATUTES OF THE COLLEGE IN 1792.

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STATUTES, ETC.

STAT. I.—OF MATRICULATION.

No person shall be received as a Student before he shall have made a subscription that he will be observant of all rules, orders and statutes of the University. The book in which such subscription shall be made shall be kept by the President.

STAT. II.—OF TERMS.

There shall be two terms observed in the University of William and Mary. The first shall begin on the third Monday in October, annually; and shall end on the last day of the ensuing April. The second shall begin the third Monday in May, and shall end on the last day of July, Provided, that if any Professor be unable to attend during the aforesaid terms, he may make up any lost time during the vacation.

STAT. III.—OF ABSENCE, ETC.

1. No Student during term shall absent himself from the University without leave first had of the President and Professor whom he attends.

2. No Student of the University shall fail to return within

one week after the commencement of the term, unless sufficient cause for absence be shewn.

3. No Student shall absent himself from lecture without leave obtained from the Professor lecturing, under the penalty of a mulct, not exceeding three shillings for each time of absence.

4. Every Student shall diligently perform the exercises appointed by the Professor whom he attends, and shall also carefully prepare himself for the daily, as well as the annual examinations. Upon failure of the duties here required, the Professor shall either reprove the negligent, or impose a mulct, not exceeding three shillings for each failure. But no Student shall be permitted to pay in any case the mulct imposed, more than thrice; upon the fourth instance of neglect of the duties required, the Professor, in whose class the neglect shall be noticed, shall give information thereof to the Society, who, after due examination, shall proceed, either to public censure or expulsion, as the case may require.

5. The money arising from mulcts shall be laid out in purchasing books which shall be given as premiums to the most deserving in the class in which the mulcts shall have been paid.

STAT. IV.—OF GOOD ORDER AND DECORUM, ETC.

1. *Be it ordained*, That the drinking of spirituous liquors (except in that moderation, which becomes the prudent and industrious Student) be prohibited.

2. Duelling, gaming, quarrelling, profane swearing and cursing, immorality of every kind, and all breaches of good order and decorum, whether practiced within or without the walls of the University, shall be particularly animadverted on, and punished by reproof, public censure or expulsion, as to the Society shall appear to be proper.

3. No Student shall interrupt, molest, or strike any officer or servant of the College.

4. No Student shall, in any way, injure or deface the building or the property of the College.

5. No Student shall upon any occasion be concerned in mak-

ing balls, or in dining or supping in any public house, unless the permission of the President or the Society be first had.

6. The Students shall attend prayers in chapel at the time appointed, and there demean themselves with that decorum, which the sacred duty of public worship requires.

STAT. V.—OF ROOMS.

1. Each Student, before he shall be admitted to a room in College, which room shall be assigned by the President, shall pay into the hands of the Bursar, the sum of twenty shillings, for the purpose of repairs; the receipt for which he shall produce to the President; this sum shall be paid annually, otherwise the room inhabited by the person or persons failing to comply with this injunction, shall be allotted to the first applicant who will comply with it.

2. Two Students shall be allotted to each room, if necessary; and then the sum of twenty shillings may be equally divided.

3. No other fuel than pit coal shall be burnt in the rooms inhabited by Students.

STAT. VI.—OF THE LIBRARY.

1. No Student shall be privileged to take any book from the library, who hath not first paid ten shillings to the Bursar, and produced a receipt of such payment to the Librarian, which sum shall entitle the Student to the use of the library for one year.

2. No Student shall receive more than one book at a time; the value of which he shall previously deposit with the Librarian.

3. Every Student taking a book, shall regularly return it to the Librarian in the Council Chamber, within one month at farthest; otherwise he shall be deprived of the use of the library.

4. No Student shall apply for a book, except on Mondays and Fridays, and then application shall be made to the Librarian between the hours of nine and ten in the morning.

5. Every Student losing, defacing, or in any way injuring a book belonging to the library, shall forfeit the deposit made or

receiving the book; and if such book be lost, and be part of a set, he shall forfeit the full value of the set, or replace the book.

STAT. VII.—OF THE TABLE.

1. No Student, or Scholar, shall be admitted at the public table, who hath not first advanced one quarter of the yearly charge for board.

2. Any boarder failing to advance the sum for the succeeding quarter, after the expiration of the preceding, shall not be permitted to continue at the table.

3. No one shall attempt to come into the room where the table is kept until the bell be rung to give notice, and the doors be opened by the Steward.

4. No person shall sit down to, or retire from, the table, until grace be said, either by a Professor, Master, or Senior Student. At table all persons shall be uncovered, shall observe the strictest order and decorum, and shall leave the hall, so soon as they rise from the table.

5. No Student, who shall quit the table to board in town, shall be permitted to board again in College.

6. No Student, quitting the table to board in town, before the expiration of the quarter, for which he may have paid, shall be allowed a drawback on that account, unless particularly desired by the President and Professors.

STAT. VIII.—OF THE MODE OF STUDY.

1. No person shall be received as a Student, who will not conform to a course of regular study, as prescribed by the President and Professors; those being excepted, who may have attained the age of twenty years, and wish to study law, or, who shall appear, after due examination by the President and Professors, to have made the necessary acquirements elsewhere.

2. All Students, except such as are excepted in the first clause of this statute, and such as are under the age of sixteen, who may be private Pupils, shall first enter the Mathematical and Philosophical Schools, and shall diligently attend to the course of one year, at least, in each school; at the end of those courses,

the Society will determine the mode of study afterwards to be pursued.

3. Any Student may attend the school of modern Languages.

4. Besides the Exercises, which each Professor may direct in his own school, the senior Students once in every year, shall write a Thesis on subjects to be proposed by the Society, or on such subjects as the Students themselves may make choice of, having the previous approbation of the Society; and such Thesis shall be delivered in public as the Society may direct, and at the time which may be appointed. Certain of the junior Students may also be selected for the annual exercises, or may of their own accord, write on any of the subjects proposed. But, in all cases, where appointments for public composition are made, the persons so appointed shall consider themselves as bound.

And, in order that impartiality in selecting the compositions for the annual exercises may effectually be preserved, It is hereby ruled, That the compositions or Thesis written as above required, shall be previously deposited in the Council Chamber of the College, without the names of the authors, but distinguished by a motto; and that a sealed paper appended to them shall contain the names of the authors, which sealed paper shall be opened, only, in case the respective composition shall meet with the approbation of the Society.

STAT. IX.—OF PENALTIES.

The penalties to be inflicted, in case of violation of any laws made for the good government of the University, shall be private reproof, public censure, or expulsion, as the offence may require; of which the President and Professors will judge.

And, in order that no penalty be inflicted without sufficient proof first had, Be it ordained, That the party, or parties, charged with having offended, shall be duly summoned before the President and Professors, and there answer to the allegations brought against him or them. But in case of refusal to attend, then the President and Professors will proceed to determine, according to the evidence before them.

STAT. X.—OF EXPULSION.

Be it ordained and declared, That no person expelled from this or any other University, College, or public Academy in this State, or any of the United States of America, or from any other University or College elsewhere, is, or shall be admissible as a Student in this University.

Whenever any person shall be expelled from this University, the Society will immediately notify such expulsion to the Heads of such Universities, Colleges, and Academies within the United States of America, as shall pass, or adopt a similar statute or resolution.

STAT. XI.—OF DEGREES.

Whereas literary honors, judiciously conferred, have a manifest tendency to stimulate ingenious youth in the pursuit of knowledge, and are also to be considered as the distinguishing rewards of improved genius, and established moral worth, It is therefore resolved by the President and Professors, That degrees in different branches of Science shall be conferred, under the regulations and considerations following:

I. The degrees to be conferred, shall be, 1st, that of Batchelor; 2d, that of Master, and 3d, that of Doctor.

Of the Batchelor's degree, there shall be two kinds, viz.: Batchelor of Arts and Batchelor of Law.

The Master's degree shall be that of Arts. The Doctor's, of Law and Divinity.

The rules to be observed by Students, desirous of obtaining the above degrees, shall be the following:

1st. No Student shall be admitted as a Candidate for a Batchelor's degree, unless he be of one year's standing, at least, in this College.

2d. For a degree of Master, the Candidate must be a Batchelor, and resident of two years, after taking his first degree, or now* resident of four years.

3d. For a Doctor's degree, the Candidate must be a resident

* This should be doubtless *non*.

of four years, or now resident of eight, after having taken his degree of Batchelor.

4th. The degrees shall be conferred in the order they are here arranged. No one shall be admitted as a Candidate for higher degrees, unless he has graduated in the lower.

II. The qualifications requisite for each degree shall be the following:

1st. For the degree of Batchelor of Arts, the Student must be acquainted with those branches of the Mathematics, both theoretical and practical, which are usually taught as far as Conic Sections, inclusive, viz. The first six books of Euclid, plain Trigonometry, the taking of Heights and Distances, Surveying, Algebra, the 11th and 12th books of Euclid, Spherics, Conic Sections: must have acquired a knowledge of Natural Philosophy as far as it relates to the general principles of Matter, Mechanics, Electricity, Pneumatics, Hydrostatics, Optics, and the first principles of Astronomy; must be well acquainted with Logic, the Belles Letters, Rhetoric, Natural Law, Laws of Nations, and the general principles of Politics: he must also have a competent knowledge of Geography, and of Ancient and Modern Languages.

2d. For the degree of Batchelor of Law, the Student must have the requisites for Batchelor of Arts; he must moreover be well acquainted with civil History, both Ancient and Modern, and particularly with municipal Law and Police.

3d. For a Master's degree, the Student must have an intimate acquaintance with Science in general; or he must have distinguished himself for his researches in a particular Science.

4th. For the Doctor's degree, the Candidate must prove himself deeply versed in the Science in which his degree is to be taken.

III.—REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

1st. In conferring the above degrees, the strictest regard will always be had to the moral character of the Candidate; nor shall degrees ever be conferred, but upon those, whose conduct, as Students, shall be irreproachable.

2d. Any Student of one year's standing, may be proposed by a Professor, for a degree. If the Student be admitted as a Candidate, he shall be privately examined by each Professor, and then publicly if approved of, by the majority, on the private examination; if he be not rejected after public examination, he shall then write a Thesis, upon a subject proposed by the Society. The Thesis shall be inspected by each of the Professors; if it be approved of, it shall be delivered in public, the day on which the degree shall be conferred.

3d. In conferring either of the other degrees, a similar mode shall be followed. The Thesis shall be upon a subject, connected with the species of degree to be taken, and always considered as an additional proof of the requisite abilities.

4th. In order to distinguish those Students who may obtain the above honors, they shall be entitled to wear certain gowns appropriated to each degree.

5th. The Society, notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, still reserved to themselves the liberty of publishing to their country, the merit of Students who may be so particularly circumstanced, as not to come within the said regulations, by conferring degrees, when they find such extraordinary literary merit and virtue united, as to induce a deviation from them.

6th. The time for conferring degrees, shall be on the fourth day of July in every year.

7th. Every Candidate shall be notified, during the first week in June.